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U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

3,619,518	Nov. 9, 1971	Blanch et al.
3,715,526	Feb. 6, 1973	Blanch et al.
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4,725,697	Feb. 16, 1988	Kovacik et al.
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5,645,147	Jul. 8, 1997	Kovacik et al.
5,666,992	Sep. 16, 1997	Robins
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Foreign Patent Documents - No., Date, Country

None

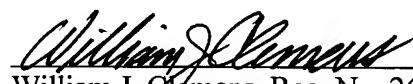
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None

The relevance of the U.S Patent Nos. 3,619,518, 3,715,526, 3,808,382, 4,726,538, 4,759,560, 5,381,820, 5,666,992, 5,732,733, and 6,273,354 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 2. The remaining references relate in general to air hose and electrical cord reels.

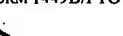
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